Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph on Page 1, above line 1:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. 102 54 322.4 filed on November 21, 2002. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §365 of PCT/EP2003/011783 filed on October 24, 2003. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.--

On page 18, please replace the second full paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Fig. 6 shows a variant of the vertical fixation of an insert E6 in the insert support, in which the insert is welded to the insert support by means of weld seams SND, SNG between the outer wall of the edge segments of the insert that project out of the insert and the outer surface of the cover plate DP and the base plate GP, respectively. The sheet-metal cover ABE is

beveled on (AF) at the edges that surround the border of the insert. Here, the insert is not vertically supported on the inner surfaces of the base plate or the ~~pressure plate~~ cover plate and can be inserted afterwards.--

On page 22, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Fig. 13 shows an insert support according to Fig. 10 with inserts pushed into it, as well as a sheet-metal cover arrangement consisting of several segments ABL, ABR, and ABF. The segments ABL and ABR each have arched edges that surround the inserts by half, which supplement one another. The arched edges have a vertical step SAB (Fig. 14), which engages into the groove NE in the region of the upper edge of the insert. For this purpose, the segments ABL, ABR are set onto the cover plate at a slight lateral distance from the inserts, and pushed against the inserts laterally. Because of the lateral displacements, gaps occur, which are closed by means of the strip-shaped filler segments ABF. Because of the stepped arched edges, the result can be achieved, without any additional elements, that the upper surface of the sheet-metal cover arrangement is approximately flush ~~and~~ with the upper edges of the inserts. Other possibilities for locking the inserted inserts in place are

familiar to a person skilled in the art. The segments of the sheet-metal cover arrangement are screwed into place on the cover plate and have bores SB prepared for this purpose.--